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REFERENCE: (A) GENEVA 8673, (B) GENEVA 8370

1. TPSC APPROVED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR
GATT COUNCIL MEETING:

2. PORTUGUESE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: USREP MAY ACKNOWLEDGE
ROUTINE NOTING OF REPORT IN ANTICIPATION OF BOP EXAMINATION
ON NOVEMBER 15.

3. MIP PANEL FORMATION: USDEL SHOULD WELCOME ESTABLISHMENT
OF MIP PANEL AND INDICATE WE ARE READY TO COOPERATE FULLY
IN ITS WORK, LOOKING FORWARD TO EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE
PROBLEM BEFORE THE PANEL.

4. GREEK INCREASE IN BOUND DUTIES: THIS BILATERAL AFFAIR
WITH AUSTRIA. AS MISSION HAS LIMITED INFORMATION AS TO
WHAT IS EXPECTED, USREP SHOULD REMAIN SILENT UNLESS MATTER
OF GATT PRINCIPLE CALLS FOR COMMENT.

5. BANGKOK AGREEMENT: USG HAS NOT YET RECEIVED NOTIFICATION
DOCUMENT (L/4418) SO CANNOT COMMENT ON CONTENTS. HOWEVER,
USREP SHOULD SUPPORT FORMATION OF WORKING PARTY ON THIS
AGREEMENT.

6. US MEAT IMPORT QUOTAS: (A) USREP MAY CALL ATTENTION
OF MEMBERS TO GATT DOCUMENT TN.64/ME/W/13 OF MARCH 14,
1966, WHICH PROVIDES DETAILED EXPLANATION OF MEAT IMPORT
ACT UNDER WHICH QUOTAS HAVE BEEN IMPOSED. REP SHOULD
POINT OUT THAT ACT PROVIDES FOR LARGE QUANTITIES OF MEAT
IMPORTS, WITH BUILT-IN GROWTH FACTOR. THIS POLICY STANDS
IN STARK CONTRAST TO IMPORT POLICIES OF OTHER MAJOR INDUS-
TRIAL COUNTRIES, WHOSE RESTRICTIONS HAVE INCREASED PRESSURE
ON US MARKET.

(B) US HAS CONSULTED CLOSELY WITH COUNTRIES WHICH
SUPPLY MEAT TO US MARKET. QUOTA LEVEL OF 1,233 MILLION
POUNDS IS SAME AS IMPORT LEVEL ORIGINALLY CONTEMPLATED FOR
1976.

(C) QUOTAS CONTAINED IN OUR GATT NOTIFICATION (PER
STATE 267512) ARE FOR 1976 ONLY. USG PRESENTLY STUDYING
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RANGE OF OPTIONS FOR 1977 MEAT IMPORT POLICY. TASK OF
US POLICYMAKERS WILL BE MADE EASIER IF OTHER INDUSTRIALI-
ZED COUNTRIES TAKE STEPS TO LIBERALIZE THEIR HIGHLY
RESTRICTIVE MEASURES APPLICABLE TO MEAT IMPORTS. KISSINGER

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